

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 - 83 without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application.

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Please enter claims 84 – 86 as follows:

84. A method for manufacturing a flexible recloseable container, comprising:
providing a pair of interlockable fastener strips, a web of flexible film, and a plurality of sliders;

placing the plurality of sliders on the pair of interlockable fastener strips;
fusing together a portion of the fastener strips at a plurality of locations; and
attaching the interlockable fastener strips to the web of flexible film after said placing the plurality of sliders.

85. An apparatus for attachment to a flexible, recloseable bag having a width, comprising:

a pair of interlockable fastener strips having a length; and
a plurality of sliders coupled to said fastener strips;
wherein said fastener strips are fused together at a first plurality of positions along the length, each said fused position being spaced apart from adjacent said fused positions by

about the width of a bag, said fastener strips being notched at a second plurality of positions along the length, each said notched position being spaced apart from adjacent said notched positions by about the width of a bag.

86. An apparatus for attachment to flexible film for making a recloseable bag having a width, comprising:

a pair of interlockable fastener strips having a length; and

a plurality of sliders coupled to said fastener strips;

wherein said fastener strips are fused together at a plurality of positions along the length, each said fused position being separated from adjacent said fused positions by about the width of a bag, at least a portion of the length of said fastener strips not being attached to the film.